



Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office
Sheriff Wendell Hall

S.I. # 17-010



CITIZEN COMPLAINT

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Date and time of this complaint: 01/01/17 1701 Hrs Incident #: 17000181

Reference Complaint #: _____ Deputy Taking Complaint: Sgt Jamey Katalley ID #: 50237

Complainant: JAMES THOMAS ANDERSON
First Middle Last

Address: 152 RICKY ST FLORATON AL 36441
Street City State Zip Code

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: 850-449-3915

Date and time incident occurred: 01/01/17 0616 Hrs

Location/Address of occurrence: HWY 87 / PINEVIEW CHURCH RD

Employee(s) involved in allegations(s): JUSTYN STEVENS

Witness: _____
Name Street Address City/State Home Phone Work Phone

(List additional witnesses in narrative.)

Nature of Allegation(s): On 1/1/2017 at approximately 6²⁰ I was traveling south on Hwy 87 from Jay, Florida area when Deputy Stevens was in front of me driving in speeds ranging from 55 mph to 45 mph. In areas where passing him would have been illegal, he would slow down. In areas where passing him would be legal, he would speed up. When we got to an area on the hwy where passing him was legal and he did not speed up, I negotiated a legal lane change, using appropriate lane change signals. I did not exceed the posted speed limit in passing Deputy Stevens. After the pass was completed, Deputy Stevens pulled me over citing careless driving. Weather was light to moderate rain, visibility was clear. I obeyed all traffic laws. His erratic speed caused our vehicles to vary in distance from each other, which I corrected each time by slowing down to ensure safe distance. My complaint is that Deputy Stevens used personal subjecton instead of established traffic laws to determine what was safe in order to justify writing a citation.

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Findings: Deputy Stevens conducted his stop in a professional manner. Deputy Stevens cited the complainant for careless driving which is officer discretion in relation to weather condition, road conditions and speeds of the vehicle's at the time of the incident.

Actions Taken: None

Final Clearance:

- ☒ Exonerated Proper conduct, An incident occurred as described, but the member was found not to be negligent or at fault.
☐ Sustained (Improper Conduct): The investigation revealed sufficient facts that the allegation(s) were found to be true.
☐ Not Sustained The investigation discloses insufficient evidence to clearly prove or disprove the allegation.
☐ Unfounded The investigation revealed sufficient facts to indicate that the incident did not occur.
☐ Partially Sustained The incident has two or more allegations, and at least one of the allegations is sustained.
☐ Violation not based on original Complaint: Investigation discloses violation(s) not mentioned in the initial allegation.

Complaint Notification of Findings:

Date: 1-2-2017 By: Sgt. Robert L Sample

Comments: Sgt. Kahalley informed complainant at the time of the complaint the correct procedures if the complainant decided to take the citation to court and contest it.

☐ Please check here if the complainant refuses to have personal contact by a deputy.

I do hereby affirm that the information provided by me is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand That any false, misleading or untrue statements, accusations of allegations, herein made by me, either orally or in writing, to any person(s) investigating this complaint, may subject me to civil and/or criminal liability under Florida State Statute 837.06, "Whoever knowingly makes false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree punishable by a definite term of imprisonment not exceeding 60 days and a fine of \$500.00."

"Any person who is a participant in an internal investigation, including the complainant, the subject of the investigation, the investigator conducting the investigation and any witnesses in the investigation, who willfully disclose any information obtained pursuant to the agency's investigation, including, but not limited to the identity of the deputy under investigation, the nature of the questions asked, information revealed or documents furnished in connection with a confidential internal investigation or any agency before such complaint, document, action or proceeding becomes public record as provided in the section, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in F.S.S. 775.082 or F.S.S. 775.083." Florida State Statute 112.533 (Penalty: up to 1 year in jail and/or up to \$1000.00 fine)

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the preceding and understand its provisions.

Signed: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

Witness: _____
(Per F.S.S. 117.10)